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C O N F I D E N T I A L MONTREAL 1931

FROM USREP ICAO

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN, CA

SUBJ: ISRAEL REQUEST FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

REF: MONTREAL 1920

1. US REP HAS TALKED WITH ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO HAVE RETURNED MONTREAL (17).
2. FOLLOWING COUNCIL REPS NOT RETURNED MONTREAL: LEBANON, CONGO, NIGERIA, BELGIUM, FRANCE, NORWAY, SPAIN, PAKISTAN, COLOMBIA, NICARAGUA, CZECH, USSR, JAPAN.
3. WITHOUT EXCEPTION COUNCIL MEMBERS FEEL 1) NO AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON WHICH TO BASE ANY DECISION: 2) POSTPONEMENT NEEDED IN ORDER TO PRESERVE COUNCIL TRADITION OF CONSIDERING REQUEST OF ANY MEMBER STATE. (IF COUNCIL TO DENY REQUEST, PREFER FACTUAL INFORMATION ON WHICH TO BASE.) LATIN AMERICAN BLOC SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS TO PERMIT PROPOSAL TO POSTPONE. SO IS CANADA AND UK.
4. ONLY SURE VOTES FOR PUTTING ON WORK PROGRAM: U.S., JAPAN, ITALY, GERMANY, NETHERLANDS, NICARAGUA (IF IN MONTREAL). PROBABLE: BELGIUM, INDONESIA, UGANDA AND MEXICO (YES ON CONFIDENTIAL

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PROCEDURE IF SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION POSTPONED). ABSTENTIONS LIKELY:

UK, NORWAY, SPAIN, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, PAKISTAN, INDIA, ARGENTINA,
COLOMBIA, BRAZIL, SENEGAL (HAS SORE KNEE - MAY NOT ATTEND).
NO'S: USSR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EGYPT, TUNISIA, LEBANON, CONGO,
NIGERIA, FRANCE, TRINIDAD-TOBAGO.

5. NO REPEAT NO MEMBER HAS INSTRUCTIONS. IF PROCEDURAL
QUESTION OF WHETHER TO PUT ON O/B COMES TO VOTE, MAXIMUM ATTAIN-
ABLE IF US REPEAT US REALLY WORKS WOULD NOT MEET REQUIREMENT
STATUTORY MAJORITY (MAYBE 10 -12 OF 16). ICAO ALREADY STEEPED
IN 1974 ASSEMBLY ATMOSPHERE (COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP, COMMISSION MEM-
BERSHIP, VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE, ASSESSMENT LEVELS, REGIONAL AVIA-
TION PLANNING, FARES/RATES, SYSTEMS PLANNING, ETC.). COUNCIL
MEMBERS RELUCTANT GIVE MORE TIME TO ARAB-ISRAEL ACCUSATIONS/
POLITICS.

6. ARAB STATES ON COUNCIL HAVE AGREED NOT TO SPEAK. ISRAELIS NOT
AVAILABLE MONTREAL BECAUSE HOLIDAY. US REP HOPES DEPARTMENT HAS
MADE CLEAR TO EMBASSY/WASH THAT NO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION WILL
BE ENGAGED IN OCTOBER 1.

7. ISRAEL CONGEN ARAN TOLD CANADA REP AND ITALY REP EARLY IN
WEEK THAT ITALY AMBASSADOR TEL AVIV HAD TOLD FOREIGN MINISTER
EBAN THAT GOI WOULD SUPPLY REPORT TO ICAO BEFORE OCTOBER 1.
ITALY COUNCIL REP CALLED ROME, WAS TOLD NO.

8. IF MEETING PROCEEDS AS ANTICIPATED BY PRE/COUNCIL AND
PROPOSAL MADE TO POSTPONE, WILL BE A NEAR CONSENSUS.

9. US REP NEEDS KNOW OBJECTIVE AS WELL AS VOTING INSTRUCTIONS.
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